

REMARKS

Objection was made in the final rejection to the format of the corrections made to claims 3-5. Applicants list these previously presented claims with the appropriate underlinings and strikethroughs that were missing in the previous paper. The claims are in proper form for consideration.

Claims 1, 6, 10, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kunkel et al. Claim 1 has been amended in a broadening manner so as not to limit the web content server to any physical location. The claims have been further amended to positively recite that the successive images are compressed and delivered as a television channel separately selectable at any of the plurality of subscriber televisions. Thus, any subscriber television in the plurality can select such a channel in order to view the images. The notion of a separately selectable television channel is disclosed in the application at at least page 2, l. 17-20 and p. 5, l. 14-16. Such a system is neither disclosed, suggested nor contemplated by Kunkel.

Kunkel does not seek to provide a web page channel to a plurality of subscriber televisions. Rather, Kunkel describes an interactive access method. Individuals can interact with a browser application at the headend. ("browser application 74 which has been delegated to the user" Col. 13, l. 34-35) A user may select a web page which is then sent from the headend to the user over a vertical blanking interval or the like. There is no suggestion that the individual's interaction with the interactive system will provide programming to other subscribers. Rather this is an individual interactive session for a single user. Other users may likewise interact and have their own individual sessions. There is no suggestion in any way contemplating the web page television channels selectable by any of a plurality of subscriber televisions as taught and claimed by applicants.

Claim 10, for example, recites "delivering the succession of images compressed in the compressing act as a television channel separately selectable at any of the plurality of subscriber televisions." Kunkel, on the other hand, provides interactive sessions with individual settop boxes. A web page being sent downstream by Kunkel is provided with a session ID for identifying the session ID of the intended receiving settop converter box for the payload. (col. 9, lines 62-65) Kunkel sends individually addressed data streams. The sessions of Kunkel are individual. A session manager connects a user to one of the

available active browsers to conduct an interactive session. (col. 13, lines 10-14)
Providing a succession of images on a corresponding television channel selectable by any of a plurality of subscriber televisions is not even hinted at by Kunkel et al. Such a television channel is not suggested or disclosed by Kunkel. For these reasons, Applicants submit that the claims as amended fully distinguish Applicants' invention from the disclosure of Kunkel.

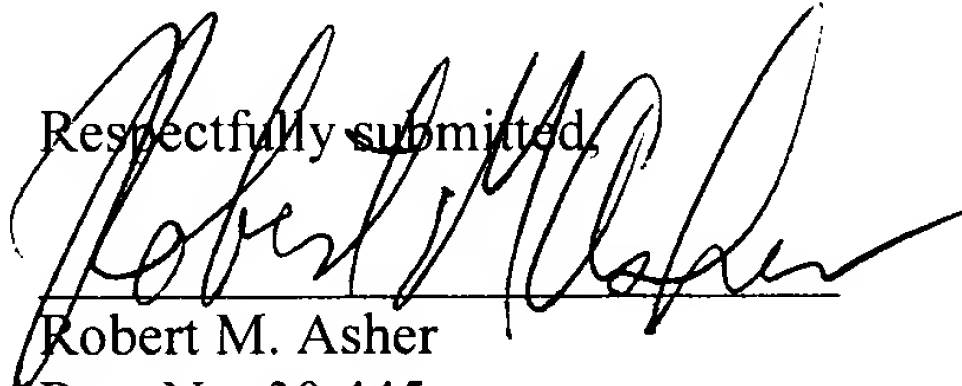
Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kunkel in view of Bates. Bates, however, merely discloses a computer system. Bates makes absolutely no mention of television and thus fails to satisfy the deficiencies of Kunkel with regard to failing to support or disclose successive web page images on a television channel selectable by any of a plurality of subscribers. Therefore, these claims are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 4, 9, 13 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kunkel in view of Bates and further in view Seazholtz. There has been no suggestion that Seazholtz satisfies the deficiencies of Kunkel. Therefore these claims should be allowed.

New claims 24-32 more fully cover the Applicants invention and should now be considered in the RCE. Claims 24 and 25 point out that a web page may include an active graphical element that may be viewed from the succession of captured images. The active graphical element is disclosed in the application at least at page 17, l. 17-27 and page 20, l. 15-25.

All claims pending in the application are believed allowable over the art of record and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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